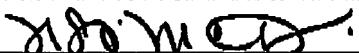


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Application No.: 10/663,538

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For: NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULE
ENCODING A CLASP-2
TRANSMEMBRANE PROTEIN
(previously CLASP PROTEINS)

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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R.
§1.132**

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Sir:

1. The above-referenced patent application refers to human CLASP cDNA clones hCLASP-2A 3' clone (AVC-PD1), hCLASP-2A 5' clone (AVC-PD2), hCLASP-2B clone (AVC-PD12), hCLASP-2 clone hC2GR3.3 (AVC-PD14), and hCLASP-2 clone hC2RT (AVC-PD19).

2. I certify that:

(a) Human CLASP-2A 3' clone (AVC-PD1) was deposited on March 24, 2000 with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, VA

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20110-2209 and granted accession number PTA-1563. The deposit was made pursuant to the provisions of the Budapest Treaty. The deposited material is the same as that identified in the specification.

(b) Human CLASP-2A 5' clone (AVC-PD2) was deposited on March 24, 2000 with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, VA 20110-2209 and granted accession number PTA-1562. The deposit was made pursuant to the provisions of the Budapest Treaty. The deposited material is the same as that identified in the specification.

(c) Human CLASP-2B clone (AVC-PD12) was deposited on March 24, 2000 with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, VA 20110-2209 and granted accession number PTA-1573. The deposit was made pursuant to the provisions of the Budapest Treaty. The deposited material is the same as that identified in the specification.

(d) hCLASP-2 clone hC2GR3.3 (AVC-PD14) was deposited on October 17, 2000 with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, VA 20110-2209 and granted accession number PTA-2611. The deposit was made pursuant to the provisions of the Budapest Treaty. The deposited material is the same as that identified in the specification.

(e) hCLASP-2 clone hC2RT (AVC-PD19) was deposited on October 17, 2000 with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, VA 20110-2209 and granted accession number PTA-2614. The deposit was made pursuant to the provisions of the Budapest Treaty. The deposited material is the same as that identified in the specification.

(f) All restrictions, except those required by law or regulation for safety, health, or similar reasons, on the availability to the public of the clones identified in Paragraphs (a)-(e) will be irrevocably removed, without restriction or condition, upon the issuance of a patent for the above-identified application. Access to the deposits will be available during pendency of the

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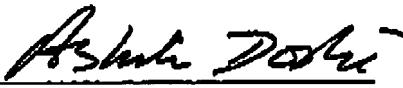
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application to one determined by the Commissioner to be entered thereto under 37 CFR §1.14 and under 35 USC §122.

(g) The clones identified in Paragraphs (a) thru (e) above will be maintained at the ATCC and replaced in the event of mutation, non-viability or destruction for a period of at least five (5) years after the most recent request for release of a sample was received by ATCC, for a period of at least thirty (30) years after the date of deposit, or during the enforceable life of the related patent, whichever period is longest.

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RECEIPT IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL DEPOSIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO RULE 7.3
AND VIABILITY STATEMENT ISSUED PURSUANT TO RULE 10.2

To: (Name and Address of Depositor or Attorney)

Arbor Vita Corporation
Attn: Peter S. Lu, MD
772 Lucerne Drive
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Deposited on Behalf of: Arbor Vita Corporation

Identification Reference by Depositor:

Patent Deposit Designation

Human CLASP-2 5' clone in <i>E. coli</i> AVC-PD2	PTA-1582
Human CLASP-2 3' clone in <i>E. coli</i> AVC-PD1	PTA-1583
Human CLASP-3 3' clone in <i>E. coli</i> AVC-PD3	PTA-1584
Human CLASP-5 3' clone in <i>E. coli</i> AVC-PD5	PTA-1585
Human CLASP-4 3' clone in <i>E. coli</i> AVC-PD4	PTA-1586
Human CLASP-1 3' clone in <i>E. coli</i> AVC-PD6	PTA-1587

The deposits were accompanied by: a scientific description, a proposed taxonomic description indicated above.
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AT YOUR REQUEST: X We will inform you of requests for the strains for 30 years.

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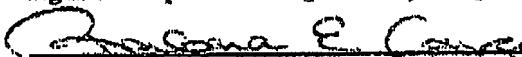
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The viability of the cultures cited above was tested April 6, 2000. On that date, the cultures were viable.

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Barbara E. Coupe, Administrator, Patent Depository

Date: April 13, 2000

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Human CLASP-5 5' clone in <i>E. coli</i> AVC-PD10	PTA-1568
Human CLASP-1 5' clone in <i>E. coli</i> AVC-PD8	PTA-1569
Human CLASP-3 5' clone in <i>E. coli</i> AVC-PD9	PTA-1570
Human CLASP-1 partial clone in <i>E. coli</i> AVC-PD7	PTA-1571
Human CLASP-4 5' clone in <i>E. coli</i> AVC-PD11	PTA-1672
Human CLASP-2 clone B in <i>E. coli</i> AVC-PD12	PTA-1673

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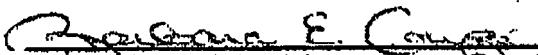
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The viability of the cultures cited above was tested April 12, 2000. On that date, the cultures were viable.

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Identification Reference by Depositor:

Human Clasp-4 5' cDNA Clone: AVC-PD10
Human Clasp-5 5' cDNA Clone: AVC-PD15
Human Clasp-4 3' cDNA Clone: AVC-PD17
Human Clasp-2 5' cDNA Clone: AVC-PD14
Human Clasp-5 5' cDNA Clone: AVC-PD20
Human Clasp-1 5' cDNA Clone: AVC-PD13
Human Clasp-2 5' cDNA Clone: AVC-PD19
Human Clasp-1 5' cDNA Clone: AVC-PD18
Human Clasp-3 5' cDNA Clone: AVC-PD21
Human Clasp-3 5' cDNA Clone: AVC-PD22

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The viability of the cultures cited above was tested October 25, 2000. On that date, the cultures were viable.

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Frank Simione

Frank Simione, Director, Patent Depository

Date: January 22, 2001

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